

T O T H E  
**KING's most Excellent M A J E S T Y.**

The humble Address of the Alderman, Recorder, capital Burgesſes,  
Aſſiſtants, and Burgeſſes of the Common-Council of the Borough  
of *Bury St. Edmund*, in the County of *Suffolk*.

Most GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN,

**A** PROPER SENSE of our Inſignificancy has hitherto reſtrained that Zeal, which would otherwiſe have prompted us long ago to aſſure your Maſteſty of our moſt unfeigned Participa- tion in the univerſal Joy that reigns amongſt us, as well as to congratulate you upon the pro- pitious Cauſe of it. Encouraged at laſt by the Example of ſome of our Fellow Subjects, not more conſiderable than ourſelves, we beg Leave to pour forth the Abundance of our Hearts before you in the warmeſt Profeſſions of our Affection for your ſacred Perſon, and in as fervent Prayers for the Welfare and Preſervation of it. Juſt Heaven, in Compaſſion to our Lamen- tations for the Loſs of one of the beſt and greateſt Princes that ever filled the Throne, ſeems to have placed your Maſteſty next to it, as if it were to bid us be again of good Cheer, and forget our Mournings. And that this gracious Purpoſe of the Divine Being is already answered, the general Acclamations, we may ſay Exultations of your People, do loudly teſtify. May the ſame bounteous Providence make your own Griefs as ſhort, and all your Blifs as permanent. The Perminence of ours 'tis true, being a Matter eventual, we cannot allow it to be Matter of Preſumption alſo; but then it is a Preſumption that comes little ſhort of moral Certitude; for what Advantages may we not hope, what Bleſſing not expect, from the many great and manly Virtues already ſo conſpicuous in you? and put forth at ſuch an Age that it were ſcarcely improper to call them premature; Vir- tues implanted in you by Nature, improved by Tuition, and excited by Example! O may you live to imitate and emulate that Example till Heaven ſhall requite your generous Labours with the glorious Conſciouſneſs of having ſurpaſſed him; and that the King of Kings has reſerved this tranſcendant Honour for your Maſteſty, your very ſudden and critical Acceſſion to the Throne ſeems to indicate. The great Atchievements of your Grandfather's Arms remaining ſtill incomplete, and the long wiſh'd-for End of his almoſt ſtupendous Conqueſts unattained. It is to you, already renowned Sir, that we now look up with grateful and wiſhful Eyes as the Perſon appointed to accompliſh both. It is in you to make the Laurels, bequeathed to you by your illuſtrious Predeceſſor, become more lovely and reſpectable in thoſe Eyes by blending with them the Olive-Branch; and to that End we humbly implore the great Ruler of all our Wills, and Searcher of all our Hearts, to turn thoſe of your obdurate Enemies, and make them wiſe enough quickly to put the peaceful Enſign into your Royal Hand, whoſe gentle, generous, and merciful Diſpoſition cannot fail to make you look upon it as a Gift and Boon, more envi- able far than even your Scepter; and when you ſhall have perfected this arduous and im- portant Work, may the pleaſing Recognition of it for ever dwell about your noble Mind, as the moſt ſure and ſolid Recompence that human Heart can wiſh, or Divinity itſelf can know.

*Bury, Dec. 2, 1760.*

The foregoing ADDRESS was written by the Honourable THOMAS HERVEY, who was at that Time not only One of the Representatives of the Borough, but likewise a Member of the Corporation.

The Reader will find ſubjoined Lord BATH's Complimentary Letter upon the peruſal of it.

S I R,

**I** Thank you for the Communication of the incloſed Addreſs, and I agree perfectly with Lady Hervey in my Opinion of it. Whatever you write is always writ with ſo much Force and Spirit, that it is eaſy to gueſs at the Author without a Name being put to it; but this Addreſs is filled with ſo much true Loyalty, and affectionate Zeal for his Maſteſty's Perſon and Government, that it muſt ſhame all thoſe which went before it, and be a Pattern for all all thoſe that are to come after it.

I am,

With great Truth and Reſpect,

Your moſt obedient,

I Humble Servant,

*Feb. 9, 1761.*

B A T H.

